

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CR2014-151905-001 DT

02/04/2015

HONORABLE WARREN J. GRANVILLE

CLERK OF THE COURT
B. Navarro
Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

TARAH WHITE

v.

DONALD ROBERT SEFTON (001)

ROGER TODD MARGOLIS

JUDGE WELTY

COMPREHENSIVE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE/TRIAL ORDERS
and
TRIAL CONTINUANCE PAST THE LAST DAY

9:39 a.m. This is the time set for a Comprehensive Pretrial Conference.

Courtroom 6A SCT

State's Attorney:	Mark Jansen for Tarah White
Defendant's Attorney:	Roger Margolis
Defendant:	Present

Court Reporter, Rochelle Dobbins, is present.

A record of the proceeding is also made by audio and/or videotape.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT that this matter is heard in conjunction with the Defendant's Non-Witness Violation Hearing in CR 2007-030227-001. (A separate minute entry will issue as to that case).

The Court is in receipt of the State's Motion to Continue.

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The State stands.

The Defendant agrees to waive time.

The Court finds that delay is indispensable to the interests of justice and that the following extraordinary circumstance(s) exist warranting the continuance:

- The unavailability of State's counsel

The Court has received the Comprehensive Pretrial Conference Statement.

Comprehensive Pretrial Statement:

A. Status of Case: A plea offer was made. The offer expires today. A settlement conference was not held. A *Donald* advisement was made.

B. Status of Disclosure: Disclosure is completed.

C. The number of days for trial is expected to be 4-5.

D. The number of witnesses (combined for both sides) is expected to be 6. The number of out of state witnesses is expected to be 0. The number of expert witnesses is expected to be 1.

E. Status of the interviews: The number of interviews completed is 0. The number of interviews left to complete is 6. The number of depositions required is 0.

F. An interpreter is not required for this trial.

G. The number of jurors required for this trial is 8. The number of requested alternates is 2.

H. The State is requesting an aggravating factors trial to the jury.

I. Counsel has submitted special jury instructions.

J. Counsel has requested a lesser-included offense.

K. A substantive motion is not anticipated by one or more of the parties.

L. A motion in limine is not anticipated by one or more of the parties.

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IT IS ORDERED vacating the **Final Trial Management Conference (FTMC)** set for March 9, 2015 and resetting same for **March 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.** in this Division, to be heard in conjunction with the Non-Witness Violation Hearing in CR 2007-030227-001.

Counsel and the Defendant are directed to personally appear at the Trial Management Conference.

Counsel are directed to complete the Trial Management Conference/Joint Pretrial Statement form and submit the completed form to the Trial Judge before the conference occurs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED vacating **Trial** set for March 16, 2015 and resetting same for **March 23, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.** before the Master Calendar Assignment Judge in Courtroom 5B in the South Court Tower. All subpoenaed witnesses are to report to Courtroom 5B in the South Court Tower for trial and will be directed to the trial court from there, to be heard in conjunction with the Non-Witness Violation Hearing in CR 2007-030227-001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Pretrial Statement (JPTS) is due in the case management division by **5:00 p.m., five (5) judicial days before the FTMC.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED with the JPTS, Counsel shall deliver to the case management division, copies of the following:

A. A jointly-completed time and witness estimate list. The Court will use the list to predict the length of the trial for the jurors and to direct Counsel to follow the trial time limits established. Any time limitation set will be reasonable presumptive limits subject to modification upon a showing of good cause.

B. A joint set of agreed upon preliminary and final jury instructions, including Preliminary Criminal RAJI or Standard RAJI.

C. Separate sets of requested instructions that have not been agreed upon. Please read *Rosen v. Knaub*, 175 Ariz. 329, 857 P.2d 381 (1993).

D. Proposed Voir Dire questions which the Court will give. In jury trial cases the parties shall jointly prepare a brief summary of the case which the Court will read to the jury at the commencement of voir dire.

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E. Any juror notebooks. The Court encourages use of juror notebooks in appropriate cases. Stipulating the contents into evidence is necessary. Key exhibits may be included, along with diagrams, photographs, and timelines.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any disclosure and/or discovery shall be completed no later than seven (7) days prior to trial. Any party seeking further disclosure and/or discovery after the discovery deadline shall seek leave of the Court by motion supported by affidavit to extend the time for disclosure and/or discovery. Parties may extend the deadline by written stipulation which waives any objections to the late disclosure and/or discovery.

MOTIONS IN LIMINE

Any motions in limine shall be filed twenty (20) days before the FTMC and such motions must meet the test of State v. Superior Court, 108 Ariz. 396, 397, 499 P.2d 152 (1972): "The primary purpose of a motion in limine is to avoid disclosing to the jury prejudicial matters which may compel a mistrial." See also, Ariz. Rules of Evidence, Rule 103(c). A written response to a motion in limine may be filed no later than ten (10) days thereafter. The Court will rule on the motions in limine without oral argument. If the Court wishes to hear argument, the argument will be heard at the morning of the FTMC.

PRETRIAL MOTIONS

All pretrial motions must be filed in writing twenty (20) days before the FTMC. All motions must comply with Rule 35.1 including setting forth a sufficient factual basis for the motion. Failure to file a sufficient motion may result in the motion being denied without evidentiary hearing. See: Rule 16.1[c] Rule 16.2 [b]; State v. Anaya 170 Ariz. 436, 443 (1991); State v. Wilson 164 Ariz. 406, 407 (1990) and State v. Alvarado 121 Ariz. 485, 487 (1979).

All pretrial motions shall be filed with this division.

MARKING EXHIBITS

On the day of trial, immediately after receiving notification of the assigned trial judge, the trial lawyers or their knowledgeable assistants shall appear in the assigned trial division to present all exhibits. The exhibits shall be marked serially as they are listed in the LIST OF EXHIBITS which will be prepared by counsel and downloaded onto a disk which should be given to the clerk.

The parties shall advise the division, referring specifically to the pretrial statement, which exhibits may be marked directly in evidence. All exhibits shall be clearly marked to correspond

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with the list provided. Counsel is directed to meet in person to exchange the exhibits before coming to court. Counsel will make sure that they do not bring to the clerk a set of exhibits that include duplicate exhibits. Written stipulations to admit specified exhibits in evidence are encouraged.

The Court assigned for trial will hear and rule upon objections at the time of trial. The rulings will be stated on the record, using exhibit numbers. All objections to known exhibits and witnesses must be made before or during the conference with the trial judge or will be deemed to have been waived.

The Court will hear and rule upon objections at the FTMC. The rulings will be stated on the record, using exhibit numbers. All objections to known exhibits and witnesses must be made before or during the FTMC or will be deemed to have been waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel, at the FTMC, shall be prepared to discuss:

- A. Time limits in voir dire, opening statements, examination of witnesses and closing arguments.
- B. Stipulations for the foundation and authenticity of exhibits.
- C. Jury instructions (preliminary and final), juror notebooks (Counsel shall bring any proposed jury notebooks to the conference), mini-opening statements and voir dire.
- D. Any special scheduling or equipment issues.
- E. Status of settlement of the case.

EXPEDITED DISCOVERY

If there are any issues as to the disclosure required under Rule 15, the parties shall attempt to resolve the issue under Rule 15.7 (b). After personal consultation, the party seeking relief shall file a written motion setting forth the issue and requested relief. This motion, the opposing parties' response, and any reply shall be filed with this division.

All parties shall comply with Rule 15 disclosure orders. Failure to comply could result in sanctions which could include preclusion of witnesses, monetary fines, or any other sanction which is deemed appropriate.

FAILURE TO APPEAR

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A defendant's failure to appear at any final trial management conference, trial, evidentiary hearing, or any hearing set before the court may result in a bench warrant being issued for his or her arrest and the FTMC, trial, evidentiary hearing or any hearing set before the court may be conducted in the defendant's absence.

CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL

The trial date shall not be continued unless a written motion to continue is filed at least five days before trial. A continuance will not be granted unless the motion shows that extraordinary circumstances exist. (Rule 8.5, Rules of Criminal Procedure and guidelines thereto).

INTERPRETER

It is the responsibility of counsel to notify the court before which a hearing will be held 48 hours in advance of any hearing needing an interpreter for a victim or witness (10 business days for any language other than Spanish).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED excluding all time from March 16, 2015 through March 23, 2015 (7 days).

NEW LAST DAY: April 23, 2015.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming prior custody orders.

9:40 a.m. Matter concludes.

FILED: Comprehensive Pretrial Conference Statement

This case is eFiling eligible: <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/efiling/default.asp>. Attorneys are encouraged to review Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-140 to determine their mandatory participation in eFiling through AZTurboCourt.